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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1556**
Hiroya OKUMURA et al. : Docket No. 2001_1255A
Serial No. 09/950,081 : Group Art Unit 1745
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SEPARATOR FOR SOLID POLYMER TYPE FUEL Mail Stop: Amendment
CELL AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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Respectfully submitted,

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SEPARATOR FOR SOLID POLYMER TYPE Fuel Cell AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME **Mail Stop: Amendment**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated November 17, 2004, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks and the Rule 132 Declaration of Mr. Takabatake enclosed herewith.

Claims 1-3, 10 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by U.S. 4,301,222 to Emanuelson et al. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

Emanuelson et al. disclose "An electrochemical cell separator plate having a thickness no greater than 0.150 inch and having been made by molding and then heat treating a mixture comprising high purity graphite powder and a carbonizable thermosetting phenolic resin in a proportion 45-65 parts by weight graphite and 55-35 parts by weight resin, said graphite powder consisting of substantially 100% fully graphitic particles having a density of at least 2.0 gm/cc, an average aspect ratio of less than about 0.40, and a distribution of particle sizes up to a maximum